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1. The Soviet Union plans to initiate a series of propaganda trials in satellite states during the spring of 1951. These trials are designed to provide a pretext for the expulsion of United States diplomatic establishments from the satellites, thus cutting off what information continues to reach United States diplomatic personnel in satellite capitals and permitting the closure of satellite diplomatic establishments in Washington, where diplomatic personnel deviating from the Soviet line are difficult to control.
2. The first trial will take place in Bucharest and will involve personnel of the Italian Legation on charges of espionage on behalf of the United States. A second trial in Budapest will bring similar accusations against officials of the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary.

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